

microprocessor having memory means for producing stored data representative of said scanner data;

a disabling mechanism proximate to said firing pin, said mechanism having a disabling actuator for selectively moving into and out of locking engagement with said firing pin thereby selectively disabling or enabling said firing pin in response to a control signal from said microprocessor;

a source of electrical power for said microprocessor, said scanner, and said disabling mechanism;

indicator means operatively connected to said microprocessor for indicating whether said firing pin is in an operable or inoperable state;

wherein said disabling actuator is biased to maintain said firing pin in an operable state when said source of power is exhausted.

7. The device of claim 6 wherein said scanner continually scans for fingerprint data, and said device includes means for deactivating said scanner once said scanner data does not match said stored data.
8. The device of claim 6 wherein said disabling actuator includes a spring loaded post which is sized for locking engagement within a correspondingly sized bore in said firing pin.
9. The device of claim 6 wherein said firearm is operable when said device is inactive.
10. The device of claim 6 wherein said firearm includes a trigger, and wherein said scanner is activated upon response to movement of said trigger.